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WIND UP OF BUSY CRIMINAL COURT AT EBENSBURG

Liquor Cases Predominated At Sessions of September Term By Oeds.

SOME STIFF SENTENCES

Clarence Semmes, constable of Summerhill borough, tried in court last week for aggravated assault and battery, a charge growing out of the arrest of a lady at that place for the non-payment of taxes, the woman's husband being the alleged victim of assault, was sentenced to a year, but the costs were equally divided between the principals of the case.

Charged with the theft of \$1,000 from a trunk from the home of Mrs. Theresa McKinney in Johnstown, Mrs. Nellie Shugarts was tried before Judge Evans. The money was made up of bills and other and was left by Mrs. Dennis Sullivan, who died suddenly on August 22 last, to be given to Mrs. Bert Wolford and Mary Sullivan, daughters of Mrs. Sullivan. It was being kept in the trunk until after the funeral it was alleged. The money disappeared on the morning of the funeral and circumstances which were introduced to connect Mrs. Shugarts with the crime. Mrs. Shugarts was acquitted.

Steve Christine pleaded guilty to an offense against morality and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$100, and to undergo imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for not less than 18 months.

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Anthony Vincent pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and was sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$100, and to serve 30 days in the county jail.

Anthony Bombash and Mark B. ... also pleaded guilty to operating motor vehicles while intoxicated and were each sentenced to pay the costs and serve thirty days in the county jail.

A large number of liquor cases were before the court, and the Court will make no effort to list them on account of the space they would occupy.

R. K. McManamy, of Johnstown, charged with larceny by bailer, was found not guilty. The defendant bought an automobile from Cover Brothers, of Johnstown, on a conditional sale contract and had moved to Cumberland, Md., though all the purchase price had not been paid. The defendant testified, however, that he had some all he could have a note of another party, given in part payment for the car, paid to the automobile dealer.

H. B. Griffith was found guilty of violation of the auto laws and was sentenced to payment of the costs and a fine of \$100.

Harry Bowser was acquitted of a charge involving an offense against morality, but was directed to pay the costs.

The jury which heard the case against Constable Ambrose Berke, and the Rev. Gleason K. Hetrick with of Johnstown, charged with making money in their conduct during a raid on the Keystone Beverage Company's property, was discharged after having failed to reach an agreement after more than 18 hours' deliberation.

Hessaline charged with aggravated assault and battery and unlawful operation of an automobile, was found guilty on both charges and was sentenced to pay the costs and to serve not less than three months nor more than one year in the county jail.

Hessaline was accused of "hit and run" tactics in the driving of his automobile. On July 19th last, while he was driving his car towards Johnstown, in attempting to pass an automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Minahan and children, of Johnstown, he struck the hub cap of one of the wheels of the Minahan car, and caused the car to swerve off the road and into a telephone pole. The occupants, injured and had

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to be taken to the hospital.

John Koeber, charged with the murder of his sister in law, Mrs. Frances Vegas, of Gallitzin, whose death occurred at the Mercy hospital on May 1st last, as the result of bullet wounds inflicted by Koeber on May 1st, entered a plea of guilty on agreement of the District Attorney's office, to manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge McCann to pay the costs and to serve not less than one and one-half years nor more than three years in the Western Penitentiary.

In passing sentence on Koeber, the court directed that the warden of the penitentiary release the man on parole warrants his release. Koeber is suffering of tuberculosis of the kidneys and already has had his kidneys removed.

James Kirkpatrick, residing on a farm near Carrolltown, who created a few minutes sensation in Judge McCann's court on Thursday afternoon when he accused County Detective G. F. Whites and Constable Carl Houser of Barnesboro, of furnishing him with a still with which to continue the manufacture of liquor after he had been arrested and his equipment taken from him, was found guilty by a jury.

The jury found Kirkpatrick guilty of possession of liquor and recommended him to the mercy of the court. Judge McCann told them that the mercy of the court had been extended to the defendant on two prior occasions and that their recommendation would be applied to these occasions.

Kirkpatrick was sentenced to the payment of the costs and to serve not less than six months nor more than three years in the county jail. A warrant charging him with perjury and made on information of County Detective Whites, was served on him on Thursday evening.

Blair Lamar, one of Kirkpatrick's companions, who was called for separate trial and pleaded guilty, was given three months to three years in the county jail.

Anthony Peckin, one of three defendants charged with breaking and entering the Victor J. Scullier building in Johnstown last winter to steal a quantity of beer, was convicted by a jury and sentenced to payment of the costs and to serve not less than one year nor more than two years in the county jail.

Frank J. Gabriel and Paul Hanger, indicted with him, were acquitted.

Harry Leventy pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and was sentenced to the payment of the costs and to serve 30 days in the county jail.

George Bertesian, charged by Charles Bertesian with aggravated assault and battery, was found not guilty, and the costs divided evenly between he and the prosecutor.

Charles M. Ake, found guilty of assault and battery was found guilty and was sentenced to payment of the costs and a fine of \$25.

C. A. McCloskey, charged by Cassimir Orloskey with fraudulent conversion, was found not guilty and the costs placed on the county jail.

Lorenzo Varny pleaded guilty to assault and battery and was ordered to pay the costs and further sentence suspended.

George Gregerovich was found not guilty of aggravated assault and battery and the costs were divided evenly between him and the prosecutor, Paul Schrader.

Mary Baldwin and William Wall-

are, alleged proprietors of the Round House, along Valley Pike, convicted of violation of the liquor laws, maintaining a disorderly house and a lawless house, were held in jail in default of \$3,000 bail each required by the court, pending disposition of their motion for a new trial.

The fourth week of the September term of court is on this week and a number of civil cases have been heard to date. Judge Reed refused arrest of judgment in the case of Ben Granzan convicted in June of violation of the liquor law, and sentenced in August to a fine of \$100, and not less than six months nor more than three years in the county jail.

The jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$98.91 in the case of the K. & S. Sales Co. against F. P. Schroth.

A. M. Bennett, of Ebensburg, was awarded a verdict of \$160.40 and Lola Bennett one of \$95 in their suit against Michael J. Hammer, arising out of a collision of automobiles at the head of Prospect bridge, Johnstown.

John Zowolocki got a verdict of \$700 against Andrew Nazad, his neighbor at Lilly, for injuries inflicted when Nazad beat him up.

The case against Donald Handell, charged with violation of the liquor laws, was dismissed.

In desertion and non-support cases the following orders were made:

Charles Ake to pay the costs and \$40 a month; Edward Mauthe, costs and \$40 a month; Charles Wentz, the costs and \$30 a month; Joseph Pratt costs and \$50 a month; Tom Harry, costs and \$50 a month; John H. McCarty, costs and \$60 a month; Chas. Boyd, costs and \$40 a month; T. E. Tubbs, costs; Hugh, alias Archie, Boyle, costs and \$25 a month; Anny Wolwich, costs and \$20 a month.

The Grangers will hold a square dance in the Grange Hall here next Saturday evening.

Thomas Johnston, who has been seriously ill at his home is reported to be improved.

Ollie Conrad and Miss Ruth Little who are suffering from typhoid fever, are on the road to recovery.

Miss Kathleen Kearney, a teacher in the Johnstown schools, spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Regina Kearney.

Miss Evelyn Conrad, of Altoona, spent the last few days here with her mother, Mrs. A. Conrad.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hallen and daughter, of Johnstown, were recent guests at the home of Mrs. Anna Callahan.

Ambrose Huber and family, of Crosson, spent the last few days here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Love have concluded a visit with the Walter Willis family.

Henry Crossman, of New York, is spending a short time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Crossman.

Edward Tomlinson, of Altoona, is spending a few days here with his sister, Mrs. James Boes.

After a visit here with his brother, John Douglas has returned to his home in Spanner.

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